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1. The Nikolo-Khovanskoye (37°27'E/55°36'N), Moscow Oblast, airfield has three parallel runways, about 1,000 x 25 meters. Their layer seemed to be a mixture of concrete and asphalt as was inferred from the gray-black color. The runways were 50 meters apart. Grass grew between them in strikingly even distances so that steel plates were laid out there which allowed vegetation only at the perforations.

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2. "Bundles of plates" were dropped by parachutes, the diameter of which was smaller than that of parachutes used by personnel. The plates were dark and could be interlocked in such way that a continuous surface was formed. Due to their special profiles the 5-mm plates did not bend even under heavy loads.

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A deformation of the plates was not observed and it was believed that they were made of high-quality steel.

3. The observed jet aircraft took off and landed only on the concrete runways; a landing on the steel plates was never seen.

4. Description of the 3-engine transport ("Ju-52"):
One cowled radial engine fitted in the nose, two other such engines in the wings. Single rudder assembly, rigid and braced main landing gear, tail wheel not

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retracted during flights, at least six cabin windows, loading hatch on left-hand side of the fuselage, aft of wings. Contrary to the Ju-53 the craft had an entirely smooth surface. Payload about 30 personnel or 15 motorcycles and their drivers. The transports landed and took off outside of the airfield on the steel plates laid out in connection with the dropping maneuvers. After termination of these maneuvers the plates were stored in piles.

5. The arrival of a detail of about 100 men was noticed two or three times every week in the summer of 1949. The detail was equipped with light and heavy solo motorcycles and some sidecar motorcycles. The soldiers wore brown uniforms with light blue collar patches and crash helmets. They practiced getting in and out of the 3-engine transports. The loaded planes made 10 to 15 minutes flights.

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